

SPEAKER NICHOL: Do you have any other amendment, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Warner would move to amend the bill. Senator Warner's amendment is on page 2324 of the Journal.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, this is wording affects the Department of Institutions, it does not affect dollar appropriations. There are about 20 individuals at the Department of Institutions that are both mentally retarded and mentally ill. There was a task force of professional people who had reviewed the type of...most appropriate setting for these individuals. One of their conclusions was that some of them could appropriately be housed in a community based type of setting, probably would be less expensive than the present setting. But it has to be something that is decided on a case by case basis. All the wording does is acknowledges that the Department of Institutions could, within their budget, utilize this type of a program for those individuals that it is found to be appropriate for. It reflects the study that was done, as I said, by and large by professional people in this area. I would move its adoption, acknowledging that if they see fit to implement this type of program for these individuals that it is permissible within their authorized budget.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Labeledz, please. Senator DeCamp. Senator DeCamp, let me introduce some guests of Senator Chronister. I don't know where they are. I guess they are under the south balcony. We have Ervin and Pearl Bergt, the parents, and Gertrude Bergt, grandma, and Jean Bergt, a Page. They are all from Schuyler. Would you folks please stand and be recognized. Thank you. Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DECAMP: Question.

SPEAKER NICHOL: No, that won't be necessary. Senator Warner, did you wish to close? The question is the adoption of the Warner amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Warner' amendment to the bill.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The Warner amendment is adopted.